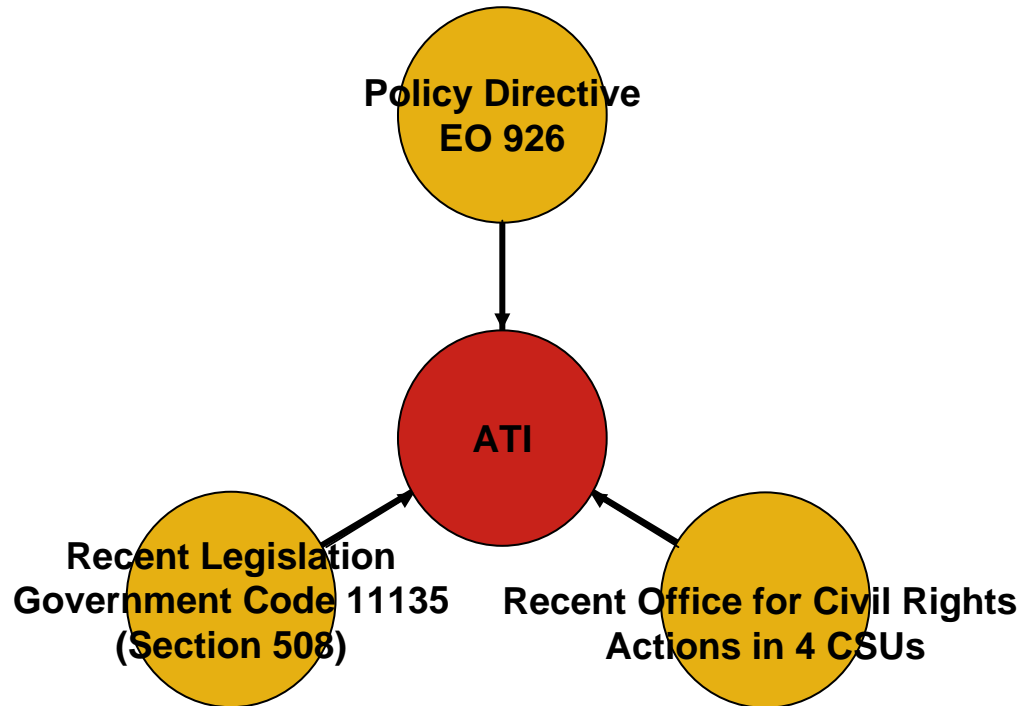


ATI Technical Assistance Workshop

**Executive Sponsor Session
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Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI) Background & Case for Action



Legislative Background

- **Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act (Federal)**
 - No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States ...shall be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance ”
<http://ericec.org/sect504.html>
- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (Federal)**
 - Provides a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities
<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/pubs/ada.txt>
- **California Education Code § 67302 (AB 422) (1999) (State)**
 - Requires publishers to provide e-text to eligible students with print-related disabilities
http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/99-00/bill/asm/ab_0401-0450/ab_422_bill_19990915_chaptered.html
- **Section 508 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act (1998) (Federal)**
 - Applies accessibility standards to procurement and development of electronic and information technologies by federal government agencies
www.section508.gov
- **SB 105 (Burton), 2002 (State)**
 - applied section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act to state governmental entities regarding accessibility of electronic and information technology
http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/01-02/bill/sen/sb_0101-0150/sb_105_bill_20020929_chaptered.html
- **SB 302 (Kuehl), 2003 (State)**
 - applies Section 508 to the CSU and codified in **California Government Code 11135** (effective January 2004)
http://www.spb.ca.gov/civilrights/documents/CALIFORNIA_CODES_11.pdf

Office for Civil Rights Actions

- 4 CSU campuses
- One common theme: timeliness of instructional materials

Policy Background

- Disability Support and Accommodations Audit Report of 2002

www.calstate.edu/audit/Audit_Reports/dsa/2002/0233DSASystemwide.pdf

- Executive Order 926: The Board of Trustees Policy on Disability Support and Accommodations, January 2005

www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-926.html

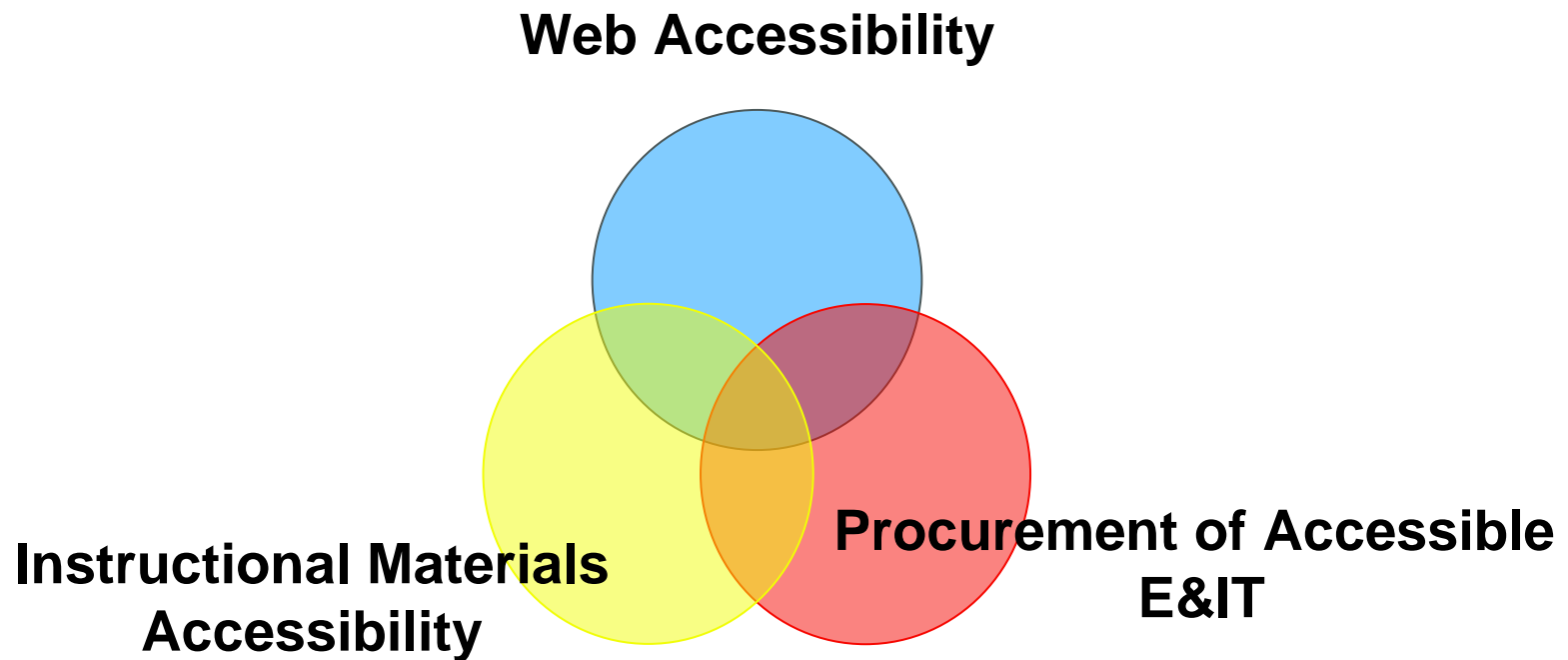
- Coded Memo AA 2006-41: “Access to Electronic and Information Technology for Persons with Disabilities”, September 29, 2006

<http://www.calstate.edu/acadAff/codedmemos/AA-2006-41.pdf>

ATI Work Plan strategy

- What actions can get us the most return on the investment of time and effort?
- In terms of risk management, what needs to be prioritized?
- What types of activity make sense to do centrally?
- What tools are needed?

Three Implementation Priorities



Initial Three Year Plan

- **Year One: 2006-07**
 - Planning & Policy Development
 - Training & Building Capacity
 - Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan
- **Year Two: 2007-08**
 - Implementation
 - Integration of accessibility in existing processes
- **Year Three: 2008-09**
 - Implementation
 - Assessment
 - Continuous Improvement

Web Accessibility Milestones & Deliverables

- January 2007: Policy
- March 2007 and forward: All new content for campus web site (non-instructional) to conform to Section 508 web standards
- May 2007: Complete self-evaluation of website
- June 2007: Submit Self-Evaluation and Technology Access Plan
- May 2008: All new and existing web sites (non-instructional) will conform to Section 508 standards

1st year Web Accessibility goal and resources

- Conduct evaluation to obtain baseline accessibility of the entire campus web site and select 20 URLs to conduct an in-depth evaluation to determine problems and do repair or redesign.
- Resources:
 - Web Evaluation and Monitoring software
 - Conformance testing process
 - ATI website for tutorials and resources

Instructional Materials Milestones and Deliverables

- June 2007: Instructional materials accessibility plan developed
- July 2007: New technology-enabled courses and existing technology-enabled courses undergoing redesign to incorporate accessibility
- July 2009: All new and existing technology-enabled courses to incorporate accessibility

1st year Instructional Materials Goal & Resource

- Create the plan and implementation process for the timely delivery of print-based instructional materials.
- Resource: CSU Center for Accessible
 - Help campuses identify existing accessible content
 - Work with publishers to improve e-text timeliness
 - Conduct systemwide alternate media study

E & IT Procurement Milestones and Deliverables

- January 2007: Policy development
- January 2007: Request for Proposals or formal solicitation process to incorporate 508 process
- July 2007: All E&IT purchases except credit card purchases to incorporate 508 process
- March 2008: Incorporate 508 into credit card purchases

1st year E&IT Procurement Goal and Resources

- Apply the process for integrating Section 508 requirements to the formal solicitation process and large-scale purchases
- Resources:
 - Draft process: late November
 - Reworking contract language
 - “Buy Accessible” Wizard
 - Voluntary Product Assessment Template (VPAT)
 - Training in December 2006 and in April 2007: co-located with Procurement Officer meeting and conference.
 - ATI website: www.calstate.edu/accessibility

Self-Evaluation Guide

- Three Sections:
 - Campus Climate: staff training and awareness
 - Web Evaluation and Conformance Testing
 - 06-07 projects involving procurement or development of E&IT
- The Self-Eval will help campuses develop their IT Transition Plan.

Discussion with campus teams last night

- Hi Software
- Captioning Task Force
- Suggestion to centrally develop online training required for all staff and faculty (along the sexual harassment training model)

Questions

- What about some flexibility in timelines?
- The focus seems to be on students, what about employees – faculty and staff with disabilities?
- What will the CSU be audited on in terms of this initiative and how will that affect the way we do things?

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